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From left to right, Puerto Rico's Senate President Eduardo Bhatia, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Puerto Rico's Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla, third left and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, third from right in background, march with local politicians of during a protest in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015.

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Pentagon chief takes jab at China with aircraft carrier stop

ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (AP) — With a key Asian ally at his side, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter made a subtle jab at China on Thursday by flying aboard an American aircraft carrier plying the contested waters of the South China Sea.

He and his Malaysian coun-Hishammuddin Hussein, watched U.S. Navy fighter jets roar off the steel deck of the USS Theodore Roosevelt as it sailed under a midday sun about 70 miles northwest of Borneo. Carter said his visit and the presence of the hulking warship should not be seen as a new twist to the U.S. naval presence is Asia.

But he made no bones about the signal he was sending by visiting amid rising tensions with China.

"If it's being noted today in a special way, it's because of the tension in this part of the world, mostly arising from disputes over land

features in the South China Sea," he said.

"And most of the activity over the last year being perpetrated by China. There's a lot of concern about Chinese behavior out here," he told reporters travelina with him.

Last week a U.S. Navy destroyer,

the USS Lassen, challenged China's claim to a 12-mile territorial limit around Subi Reef in the Spratly Islands about 150 miles to 200 miles from where the Theodore Roosevelt was sailing Thursday. The Lassen patrolled with about six or seven miles of the reef, according to Cmdr. Robert C. Francis Jr., skipper of the Lassen.

In an interview aboard the Roosevelt, Francis said the crew of a Chinese destroyer that shadowed the Lassen for several days contacted the ship with a standard "query" about what the Lassen was doing. Francis said his crew replied that it was operat-



U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter gestures as he speaks in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Carter made a subtle jab at China on Thursday by flying aboard an American aircraft carrier plying the contested waters of the South China Sea.

(AP Photo/Lai Seng Sin)

ing in international waters in accord with international law.

But the Chinese pressed the matter, he said, by repeating the query over and over.

"All of our interactions were very professional," Francis said. "I never felt threatened."

In the United States, much was made of the Lassen patrol, known in the U.S. publicity," he said.

Navy as a freedom of navigation operation. But Francis said he and his crew saw it as just another day on the seas.

"We enjoyed the extra

NY Governor, NYC Mayor Join Puerto Rico Health Care Rally

DANICA COTO Associated Press SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

 New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio joined thousands of demonstrators Thursday demanding equal treatment for Puerto Rico on federal health care. The demonstrators were protesting Medicaid reimbursements in the U.S. territory that officials say are 70 percent lower than on the U.S. mainland and Medicare reimbursements that are 40 percent lower. The appearance by New York's top political figures, which also included New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, came two months after they announced a system will start to collapse, partnership with the island said Ricardo Rivera, execuseeking to help it regain tive director of Puerto Riits financial footing amid a co's Health Insurance Ad-\$72 billion public debt burministration. den. De Blasio, who said he

Ricans in New York City as well as the entire island, called on Congress to ensure the island gets a "fair share of Medicaid dollars." "It is not just a health care crisis, and a humanitarian crisis in the making, it's worse than that," de Blasio said. "The fact that our federal government does not treat Puerto Rico fairly on Medicaid ... is deepening the financial crisis" on the island.

Nearly 70 percent of Puerto Rico's population relies on Medicare or Medicaid, and officials warn that potential cuts in current payments starting next year could add up to \$3 billion through 2017.

If the cuts are implemented, the island's health care

"The government is not in a was participating on be-position to contribute any half of the 700,000 Puerto more money," he told The

Associated Press.

Protesters echoed those concerns as they wondered what would happen to their benefits and coverage. Some said many

friends in their 70s are still working to make ends meet amid Puerto Rico's nearly decade-long economic slump.

Salvador Robles, a 72-year- to afford medication.

old Vietnam veteran, said he worried that elderly people on the island would see a reduction in their coverage and not be able



New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo talks with Puerto Rico's Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla, center, and Padilla's wife Wilma Pastrana, center right, as they march next to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, background right, during a protest in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015. (AP Photo/Dennis M. Rivera Pichardo)





Carson: Pyramids in Egypt built by Biblical figure Joseph

JESSE J. HOLLAND BILL BARROW Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson on Thursday stood by his belief that Egypt's great pyramids were built by the Biblical figure Joseph to store grain — not as tombs for pharaohs.

Carson is a retired surgeon who has unexpectedly risen to the top of the Republican primary race in some polls.

Video posted online Wednesday by Buzzfeed News shows Carson explaining his theory 17 years ago at a Michigan college affiliated with his Seventhday Adventist Church.

In the video, Carson says: "My own personal theory is that Joseph built the pyramids in order to store grain." He was referring to the Old Testament story of Joseph predicting famine and advising the pharaoh to store surplus food. He said that's more likely than the accepted archaeological conclusion that the massive structures were built as tombs for pharaohs.

At a book signing Thursday in Florida, Carson stood by his statement on the grain storage.

"Some people believe in the Bible like I do and don't find that to be silly at all, A first-time political candiand believe that God crefind that to be silly at all," Carson said. "The secular progressives try to ridicule it every time it comes up and they're welcome to do that."

Along with billionaire Donald Trump, Carson has surged passed more tra-



Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson smiles during a campaign rally at West Memphis High School, in West Memphis, Ark.

(Nikki Boertman/The Commercial Appeal via AP)

ditional Republican candidates in the polls, as he taps into the frustration that many rank-and-file Republicans have with establishment politicians. With primary voting still three months away, however, the Republican presidential field remains crowded and unpredictable. On the Democratic side, in contrast, Hillary Rodham Clinton has swiftly consolidated her status as the overwhelming favorite for her party's nomination.

date, Carson has a penated the earth and don't chant for headline-grabbing statements.

> He speaks often about his faith and has written extensively about his beliefs in books. His popularity among evangelical Christian voters has helped fuel his rise in the Republican primary.

He has garnered attention previously for stating that, despite his scientific training as a neurosurgeon, he rejects evolutionary biology. Beyond matters of faith, Carson has equated both abortion and President Barack Obama's signature health care program to slavery. He has compared the zeal of Islamic State militants to that of American revolutionary patriots and suggested that the Holocaust may not have occurred had European Jews been better armed against the Nazis.

It's not immediately clear that Carson's church or any other major Jewish or Christian sect shares his belief about the pyramids' origins. Carson has not claimed that his theory is supported by the tenets of his church.

Jodi Magness, a specialist

in biblical archaeology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, said she knows of no scholar or archaeologist who questions that the pyramids were used as royal tombs.

"This is not an academic topic of debate," Magness said in an email. "The use of the pyramids as tombs is verified by both written (literary) sources and archaeological evidence."

The pyramids were built with narrow, secret passages intended to foil graverobbers, making the structures unsuitable for grain storage, Magness said. And the design of the pyramids, with associated temples, "reflects the ancient Egyptian concept of the cosmos, according to which the king or pharaoh was at the center of a unified kingdom, serving as a god, a political ruler and a divine

mediator."

Daniel Weber, a spokesman for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, said Carson's belief about the pyramids are "his own interpretation."

"Of course, we believe in the biblical account of Joseph and the famine," Weber said. "But I've never heard the idea that pyramids were storehouses of grain."

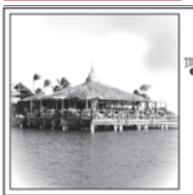
Carson said in 1998 that the "hermetically sealed" chambers found in the pyramids "would have to be that way" to store grain.

Trump has suggested that Carson's religious beliefs put him outside mainstream American Christianity. At one October rally in Florida, Trump called his own Presbyterian church "middle of the road" before adding, "I mean, Seventh-day Adventist, I don't know about."

In an interview with the Associated Press, conducted after Trump's remarks, Carson said he expects in politics to have his religious affiliation questioned, but he defended his faith and his church. "There are a lot of people who have a close relationship with God, and you can generally tell who they are by the way they act, the way they treat other people," he told AP. "The reason that there are like 4,000 denominations is that people have looked at this and said, 'Let's interpret it this way. Let's interpret it this way.'

they "Sometimes caught up in that and forget about the real purpose of Christian faith," he concluded.





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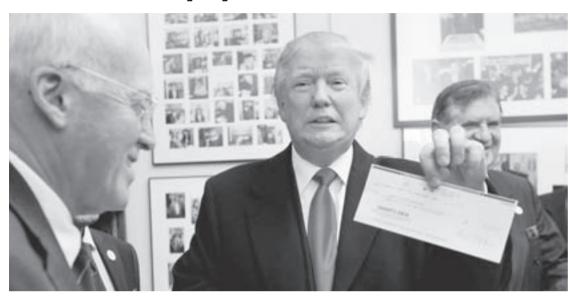
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First Trump political ads for radio hit familiar themes



Secretary of State Bill Gardner watches at left as Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump shows off his filling fee check after filing papers to be on the nation's earliest presidential primary ballot, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, at The Secretary of State's office in Concord, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

JILL COLVIN **Associated Press**

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump began airing his first campaign ads on Thursday with two radio spots in three early-voting states.

The 60-second commercials will be airing in Iowa, New Hampshire and South

of the month. Trump, who dominated summer opinion surveys, is stepping up efforts to fend off challengers who have been attracting new attention from voters and donors.

During an appearance on the "Today" show Thursday morning, Trump said the \$300,000 buy shouldn't be seen as an indication that

for me to start advertising a little bit," he said.

One of the ads, aimed at Iowa voters, features Trump talking about many of his usual campaign themes including trade, defense and immigration.

"Our country is in deep trouble because, let's face it, politicians are all talk, no action," he says in the spot, Carolina through the end he's feeling heat. "It's time charging that his oppo-

nents have no experience in creating jobs or making deals.

"If the people of Iowa vote for me, you'll never be disappointed. I don't disappoint people. I produce," he says. The other ad features a female narrator promoting Trump's biography and policy plans, including his vow to build a wall along the southern border and make Mexico pay for it. "Donald Trump is running for president because politicians are all talk and no action. They will never make our country great again," she says.

The ads mark Trump's first paid advertising of the campaign and come as his rivals and their backer have been spending millions flooding the airwaves of early voting states both with radio and much more expensive television spots.

Momentum builds for Export-Import Bank

ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional backers of the U.S. Export-Import Bank are close to reviving it four months after conservative foes ensured that its charter expired.

The bank helps overseas buyers get financing to purchase U.S. exports, and a provision reauthorizing it was attached to a popular but unrelated highway measure that the House passed 363-64 on Thursday. The bank enjoys widespread support in the Senate, and the provision is a good bet to survive negotiations on a final bill.

The bank's charter expired

June 30, and it has been unable to approve new financing applications since

The Export-Import reauthorization has had a tortuous path. Opposition from key committee chairmen and top House leaders like Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Republican, kept legislation reviving the bank from a vote for months.

Supporters, with tacit encouragement from former House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, finally mounted a petition drive to force a vote, and the measure sailed through the House last week by a 313-118 vote — with a majority of Republicans controlling

the chamber voting in fa-

Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, opposes reauthorizing the bank but he did not use his new power to try to interfere with its renewal.

On Wednesday night, bank supporters easily beat back a series of amendments they said were aimed at derailing the bank's reauthorization.

"Understand the real purpose of these amend-

If it were to perfect the bill, then the authors would have been working with us six months ago or three months ago," said Rep. Frank Lucas, a Republican.







Pfizer doubling patient income limit for free drug program

LINDA A. JOHNSON **AP Business Writer**

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — As the furor over soaring U.S. prescription drug prices escalates and outrageous price hikes by several smaller drugmakers give the entire industry a black eye, the biggest U.S.-based drugmaker is expanding financial assistance to patients. Pfizer Inc. says it's doubling its income limit for people to receive dozens of its medicines without a copayment because more patients need help. Patients' insurance plans generally must then pay the bulk of the drug's cost. Some critics say this isn't the best way to keep drugs affordable for everyone.

"It's not addressing the price of the drug," Clare

Krusing, a spokeswoman for the trade group America's Health Insurance Plans, said Thursday.

"This is the wrong approach when you consider the cost impact that patients have on the back end," said Krusing.

She said insurance plans eventually raise patients' monthly premiums or other payments to compensate. One study of California plans early this year found most increases have been tiny — so far.

Krusing also noted widely used drugmaker coupon programs like Pfizer's usually are only temporary. They cover patient copayments for a specific brand-name drug or limit them to \$50 or SO.

Such programs can in-



The logo for Pfizer is displayed on a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Pfizer, the biggest U.S.-based drugmaker, is increasing its financial assistance to patients by doubling the allowable income level for people to receive Pfizer medicines for free.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

crease overall medication costs, particularly if they nudge patients to stay on brand-name drugs over cheaper generic versions. However, medicines often prevent expensive complications and hospitalizations.

Pfizer's move comes amid fierce criticism by patients and politicians, as well as for the only drug for a life-

a growing number of government investigations, of six-figure list prices for new medications for cancer, hepatitis C and rare diseases, and huge price hikes on old ones with little or no competition.

Turing Pharmaceuticals, which recently hiked by 5,000 percent the price

threatening parasitic, has been accused of price gouging, along with Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. and a handful of other companies. Meanwhile, a surge of mergers of brand-name and generic drug manufacturers threatens to further limit competition, the primary control on prices in the U.S.

Drugmakers now face a "wave of hearings and public beatings" over exorbitant drug prices, said pharmaceuticals analyst Erik Gordon, a professor at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

"If you're Pfizer, you want to look like you've made a voluntary, charitable move before you get beat up" in a congressional hearing, Gordon said.

In an exclusive interview, Pfizer Chief Executive Ian Read told The Associated Press the New York company isn't boosting assistance due to heightened scrutiny of prices, but because more and more patients can't afford needed medicines.



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US Steel: No HQ in Penguins development

JOE MANDAK Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United States Steel Corp. has pulled out of a deal to build its new world headquarters as part of an ongoing \$440 million redevelopment of the former Civic Arena site by the NHL's Pittsburgh

Thursday's decision comes than analysts had forealmost exactly a year atter company, team, local and state officials announced the plans at the Consol Energy Center, the Penguins new arena. day. The company didn't That arena sits across the street from the site where a team-controlled subsidiary

planned to break ground on the new headquarters and complete the project before U.S. Steel's lease expires at its current downtown location.

The announcement comes two days after the steelmaker reported a thirdquarter loss of \$173 million, more than four times worse cast. U.S. Steel's stock has dropped nearly 61 percent future in the city. this year, from \$26.59 per share to \$10.39 on Thursday — down 67 cents for the explain the move in a brief statement.

"We can confirm that U.S. move out.

Steel will not be moving into a new headquarters building at the site of the former Civic Arena," the statement said.

U.S. Steel's headquarters will remain at the 64-story U.S. Steel Tower downtown, the city's tallest building, until its lease expires in September 2017, the company said, declining to comment turther about its

A New York investment firm bought the skyscraping headquarters building for \$250 million in April 2011. A year later, U.S. Steel announced it would likely



US regulators: Still heavy risk in big bank loans

MARCY GORDON AP Business Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators say they're still seeing a heavy dose of risk in large loans made by banks and other financial institutions, despite the recovering U.S. economy.

The Federal Reserve and other agencies cite ongoing loose lending standards and an increase in loans made for financing takeovers of companies. Those loans are risky because they can greatly exceed the amount of a firm's earnings.

The steep decline in oil prices over the past year has hurt many energy companies. Loans in the industry are at greater risk of souring or are already in default, according to the agencies' 2014 annual review.

The review found that banks are making progress in improving their credit standards. But there are "continuing gaps" tween industry practices and standards of bank safety, it said.

Overall, the review found that loans at risk of failing or already in default, plus those showing potential weakness, remained high at 9.5 percent of the total \$3.9 trillion in large loans. Loans in that category were up 9.4 percent from \$340.6 billion last year.

Loans in the oil and gas industry represent about 7 percent of total large loans outstanding. The credit problems could spread to the service companies that cater to the industry and banks should closely watch that area, agency officials said in a conference call with reporters.

US Financial Front:

American jobless aid rises but still near historic lows

AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans applied for un-

JOSH BOAK

employment benefits last week, but levels remain near historic lows as employers are hesitant to let go of workers.

The Labor Department said Thursday that a seasonally adjusted 276,000 people sought jobless aid last week, up from 260,000 in the prior week. The fourweek average, a less volatile measure, rose 3,500 to 262,750.

Jobless claims are a proxy for layoffs. Recent multidecade lows indicate that employers expect the economy to continue to improve despite global pressures on growth, prompting them to hold onto workers. The fourweek average has stayed below 300,000 since late March, achieving levels traditionally linked with a healthy job market.

The government releases the October jobs report Friday. Economists surveyed by FactSet expect that employers added a net



A'GACI clothing store hiring manager Marcie Lowe, right, gives her card to job applicant Xionara Garcia, left, of Miami, during a job fair at Dolphin Mall in Miami. According to Labor Department statistics released Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, more Americans applied for unemployment benefits a week earlier, but levels remain near historic lows as employers are hesitant to let go of workers. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

182,000 jobs last month. This would follow a sharp slowdown in hiring in September and August when hiring averaged just 139,000 jobs, a sharp slowdown from gains earlier in the year that routinely exceeded 200,000. The strong dollar and weak

economic growth abroad have weighed on the U.S. economy since August. U.S. factory output has also dropped because lower energy costs have led oil and gas drilling companies to reduce their spending on machinery and equipment.

As a result, the economy grew at a tepid annual rate of just 1.5 percent over the summer, the Commerce Department said last week, down from a much healthier pace of 3.9 percent in the April-June period.

US productivity levels slow in 3rd quarter

MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. productivity slowed in the summer, while labor costs rebounded yet stayed at a level suggesting only mod-

est inflation pressures. Productivity rose at an annual rate of 1.6 percent in the July-September quarter, a slowdown from a 3.5 percent increase in the second quarter, the Labor Department said Thursday. Labor costs rose at a mod-

cent in the third quarter after having fallen at a 1.8 percent pace in the second quarter.

Productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, has slowed significantly in recent years. Economists are divided on the causes for the weakness. Over the past year, productivity is up just 0.4 percent compared to average annual growth of 2.2 percent from 1947 through 2014.

Ian Shepherdson, chief est annual rate of 1.4 per- economist at Pantheon

Macroeconomics, said that the productivity gain for the third quarter was much better than expected but described the long-term trend as disappointing.

"All we can say for sure is the productivity growth is very slow, showing no sustained signs of revival," Shepherdson said.

Productivity saw a jump for a decade starting in 1995, gains that were attributed to improvements in computer software and the introduction of a number of

high-tech products that helped workers do their jobs more efficiently. But in recent years, productivity growth has slowed significantly.

Some economists believe that reflects a temporary drop in business investment in new equipment, and they forecast a rebound in productivity growth to higher levels. However, other analysts worry that the country could be stuck in a prolonged period of weak productivity growth.





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Russia, Egypt dismiss suggestions a bomb caused crash

GREGORY KATZ Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Five days after a Russian jetliner broke apart high above the Sinai, Russia and Egypt on Thursday dismissed Western suggestions that a terrorist bomb may have caused the crash that killed 224 people, saying the speculation was a rush to judgment.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, who spoke to the presidents of both countries in the very public dispute, said he had grounded all British flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula because of "intelligence and information" indicating a bomb was the probable reason a Metrojet Airbus A321-200 plane had crashed Saturday in the desert.

British and U.S. officials, guided primarily by intelligence intercepts and satellite imagery, have suggested gingerly it might have been the work of the extremist Islamic State group and its affiliates in the Sinai.

"We don't know for certain



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron greets Egyptian president Abdel Fatah el-Sisi at 10 Downing Street in London ahead of their meeting Thursday Nov. 5, 2015. British Prime Minister David Cameron declared Thursday it was "more likely than not" that a bomb brought down a Metrojet flight packed with Russian vacationers — a scenario that officials from Russia and Egypt tried to dismiss as premature speculation. Cameron said he had grounded all flights to and from Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, stranding thousands of British tourists at the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, because of "intelligence and information" indicating that a bomb was the likely culprit in the crash Saturday that killed 224 people.

(Stefan Rousseau/PA via AP)

that it was a terrorist bomb beside him at a news con-... (but it's a) strong possibility," Cameron said.

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi later stood ference following an awkward meeting. Cameron also spoke by phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin to explain that concern for the safety of British citizens had led the government to go public with its suspicions about a

Russia and Egypt insist the investigation into the crash must run its course before any conclusion is reached. The Metrojet plane crashed 23 minutes after taking off from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for St. Petersburg with mostly Russians aboard.

The dispute arose after the U.S. and British intelligence was disclosed Wednesday, just as el-Sissi was heading to London on a previously planned visit — his first as president.

Russia complained that intelligence gathered by London and Washington about its jetliner has not been made available.

If Britain had information about a bomb on the plane, it's "really shocking" that hasn't been shared with Russia, said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova, speaking in Moscow.

British officials declined to say what intelligence was shared with other counU.S. and British leaders have stopped short of a categorical assignment of blame in the crash, but Cameron said it is "more likely than not" that the cause was a bomb.

President Barack Obama said the U.S. was taking "very seriously" the possibility that a bomb brought down the plane. His comments, in an interview with a Seattle radio station, followed an earlier statement by White House spokesman Josh Earnest, who said the U.S. can't rule out the possibility of terrorism.

The Islamic State group, which has not generally pursued "spectacular" attacks outside its base in Syria, has claimed responsibility for bringing down the plane, but Russian and Egyptian officials say the claim was not credible. Egypt stands to lose millions of dollars from its vital tourism industry. Its tourism minister, Hisham Zaazou, met with British officials in London to persuade them to reconsider the decision to suspend flights to Sharm el-Sheikh, the Egyptian staterun news agency MENA reported.

Caught in the middle are thousands of tourists stranded in Sharm el-Sheikh, unable to return home because flights have been suspended due to security concerns.

Britain sent a security team to the Sharm el-Sheikh airport to determine what changes are needed to make travel there safe, but Egyptian officials maintain there is nothing wrong with the facility, which each year welcomes thousands of tourists to the resort beside the crystal-clear Red Sea.

British Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin told Parliament that Egypt must put in tighter, long-term security measures before British flights will resume flying there on a regular basis. Short-term measures, including different luggagehanding arrangements, would allow the estimated 20,000 British citizens in the Sharm el-Sheikh area to fly home, he said.



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EU predicts 3 million migrants could arrive by end 2016

LORNE COOK **Associated Press**

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union is predicting that 3 million migrants could arrive in the 28-nation bloc by the end of next year, with the refugee emergency already proving a stern test of EU border and reception capacities. More than 700,000 people have come to Europe seeking sanctuary or jobs so far this year.

The arrivals are imposing costs for shelter, rescue operations and border security, but the EU estimates that the refugees are likely to bring economic benefits within a few years, notably in Germany, one of the preferred destinations for many people.

EU autumn economic forecasts released on Thursday show that based on current migrant entries and a "technical assumption" about future flows, arrival rates for migrants are unlikely to slow before 2017.

The EU's executive Commission said that "overall, an additional 3 million persons is assumed to arrive in the EU over the forecast period."

Tsipras was a first-hand witness to the arrivals on Thursday, as migrants and refugees reached the island of Lesbos by dinghy while his motorcade traveled from Lesbos airport to a new registration facility.

"We realized that is a criminal process being carried out by the smugglers who cram refugees onto vessels that are not boats, but makeshift inflatables," he said. "What's happencrime."

Greece's mainland and

beyond was turning to a trickle on Thursday, however, as a ferry strike entered its fourth day and trapped thousands of people on the eastern Aegean islands.

Police in the Idomeni border area said 850 people had crossed into Macedonia between Wednesday and Thursday morning. Numbers usually range from 4,000 to 8,000 people per day. The strike is set to end Friday.

Despite the figures of refugee increases, the European Commission predicted that the population across the 28 EU nations would only rise by about 0.4 percent. No obvious impact on employments levels is likely, it said.

"You cannot say that this influx of refugees is likely to have a negative impact, or some kind of a shift of kicking other people out of the labor market," the EU's top economics and finance official, Pierre Moscovici, said.

However the EU said the real impact on national budgets is difficult to predict, given a lack of complete and reliable data about exactly who is arriv-Greek Prime Minister Alexis ing in the bloc and whether they are staying.

> Most people are arriving in Europe through Italy and Greece, while Hungary and Austria have been affected by heavy migrant flows. Germany and Sweden are also feeling the impact.

Those nations, among others, want the EU to apply its budget rules with flexibility, taking into account Europe's biggest refugee emergency in well over half ing in the Aegean Sea is a a century, and avoid reprimanding member states The flow of migrants into for excessive spending and deficits.



Migrants disembark from a dinghy after they cancelled their journey because of bad weather to travel to the Greek island of Chios from Turkish coast near Cesme, Izmir, Turkey, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015. More than 300,000 people have traveled on dinghies and boats from nearby Turkey to Greek islands this year, with dozens dying along the way.

(AP Photo/Emre Tazegul)







Chinese President Xi Jinping, left, shakes hands with Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung before their meeting at the Government Office in Hanoi Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015. Xi's meetings in Vietnam beginning Thursday follow the communist countries' efforts to repair ties strained over disputes in the South China Sea.

(Kham/Pool Photo via AP)

Chinese president Xi visits Vietnam to discuss stronger regional ties

Leaders of China and Vietnam agreed Thursday to limit their differences and maintain peace and stability, as the two Communist neighbors attempt to repair ties strained over territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

Chinese President Xi Jinping received a rare 21gun salute before he and Vietnamese Communist Party chief Nguyen Phu Trong headed for talks behind closed doors.

The two leaders agreed to promote relations between their countries and the ruling Communist parties, Vietnam's Foreign Ministry said.

Xi said China will "strive together with Vietnam to well control differences at sea, and maintain overall China-Vietnam relations and peace and stability" in the South China Sea, the minis-

HANOI, **Vietnam** (AP) — try said in a statement.

Trong told Xi that the two countries should not allow territorial disputes to affect their relations, and proposed that they not take any actions that increase tensions or the militarization of the South China Sea, the ministry said.

Bilateral relations plunged last year following China's parking of a giant oil rig near the disputed Paracel islands, which sparked deadly anti-Chinese riots in Vietnam. The two countries have since tried to repair ties with high-level contacts including a trip by Trong to China last April.

Trong and Xi also witnessed the signing of a dozen cooperation agreements covering party-to-party relations, investment, infrastructure, culture and a \$200 million loan from the China Development Bank to the Bank of Invest-

ment and Development of Vietnam.

But analysts said Xi's twoday visit is unlikely to mark much progress in addressing the territorial tensions.

"I personally think it's difficult to resolve the issue of territorial disputes when Vietnam and China still maintain their positions," said Duong Danh Dy, the former Vietnamese consul general in Guangzhou, in southern China.

Xinhua said in a commentary that settling their territorial disputes depends on "the two neighbors' will and ability to properly manage their differences," and that they should not allow the outside world to interfere.

Witnesses said about 30 people protested briefly in front of the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi on Thursday morning before authorities took them away in buses.

Jordan King: No cameras inside mosques at Jerusalem holy site

KARIN LAUB

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The interiors of two mosques at a sensitive Jerusalem holy site will be exempt from monitoring by security cameras, Jordan's king said in an apparent attempt to allay Palestinian concerns about his plan to install the cameras at the sprawling hilltop compound.

The 37-acre (15 -hectare) site has been at the heart of the current round of Israeli-Palestinian violence. Jordan, the custodian of the site, last month proposed camera monitoring in efforts to defuse tensions. Israel welcomed the plan but the idea was met by Palestinian criticism.

Although Israel and Jordan initially said cameras would be installed within days, the plan now appears delayed, with Jordan's King Abdullah II saying they wouldn't be in place for some six weeks.

"To be very clear, there will be no cameras inside the mosque," Abdullah said in remarks broadcast on Jordan's state TV Wednesday evening.

The fate of the walled compound in Jerusalem — known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary — is at the heart of the Israe-li-Palestinian conflict. It is the holiest site in Judaism and was home to biblical Jewish Temples. Muslims believe it is the spot where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. It is the third-holiest site in Islam and houses the Al-Aqsa Mosque and gold-topped Dome of the Rock.

Israeli police and Palestinian protesters often clash there. The current wave of violence erupted in mid-September, fueled by rumors that Israel was trying to increase Jewish presence there. Under a decades-old arrangement, non-Muslims can visit the site but are not allowed to pray there.

Israel has vehemently denied the allegations, but Palestinians point to an increase in visits by extremist Jews backed by hard-line Israeli legislators.

The plan to introduce cameras at the site was suggested by Jordan and announced by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry during a diplomatic push last month to quell the violence.

Israel praised the idea, saying it would help counter the Palestinian claims that it is trying to change the status quo. But the Palestinians said Israel would use the cameras to spy on and arrest people.

There was no immediate Israeli response to Abdullah's remarks.

Beyond the video surveillance, Kerry last month also announced other understandings, including Israel fully respecting Jordan's "special role" as custodian of the site, upholding the ban on non-Muslim prayer and its commitment not to divide the site and to reject any attempt to suggest otherwise.

It was hoped that Jordan's engagement could go a long way in easing the tensions. Israel captured the holy site from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war.





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Mexico seeks to boost economic ties with Raul Castro visit



Cuba's President Raul Castro, center, waves to people in Revolution Square in Havana, Cuba. Mexicans are looking to increase trade with Cuba as Castro makes his first state visit to Mexico, and the first such trip since the early 2000s.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Associated Press MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans are looking to increase trade with Cuba as Cuban President Raul Castro makes his first state visit to Mexico, and the first such trip since relations between the two countries went cold in the early 2000s. With Cuba experiencing some

limited economic open-

ing in recent years and re-

newing diplomatic ties with

the United States, Mexico

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sees an opportunity to expand its economic interests in Cuba and other larger economies of the Caribbean. "We believe we are in a privileged position to have more presence on the island because it's close, we share the Caribbean Sea and because of many things," said Socorro Flores, Mexico's deputy foreign minister for Latin America. Castro was scheduled to arrive in the Yucatan peninsula city of Merida late Thursday and meet with his Mexican counterpart, Enrique Pena Nieto, on Friday. For some experts, Mexico's interest runs parallel with what many consider Cuba's plans to increase ties with the outside world before the U.S. ends its 50-year embargo against the island.

"The strategy of Cuba, before the embargo is lifted and U.S. can reach everything, (is) to diversify its foreign economic relationships, and Mexico can be a good partner," said Ana Covarrubias of the College of Mexico.

After chilly relations under Mexico's two previous conservative governments, Pena Nieto has made clear he wants to renew historically close ties with Cuba. His Institutional Revolutionary Party, which ruled for 71 years before losing the presidency in 2000, always had a respectful relationship with Cuba's communist government despite U.S. pressure to cut off ties. Cuban President Fidel Castro was in Mexico in 2002 to attend a United Nations conference in Monterrey,

where he said then-Mexican President Vicente Fox told him to leave. Raul Castro, who assumed Cuba's presidency from his brother in 2006, participated in a Latin America summit in the Mexican resort city of Cancun in 2010.

According to official statistics, total trade between Mexico and Cuba in 2014 amounted to about \$374 million, a small sum against the \$500 billion in two-way business last year between Mexico and its main trading partner, the United States. Two of the seven companies that received approval to develop the Cuban port of Mariel are Mexican. The Mexican government has said the signing of some bilateral agreements in areas such as tourism and education are expected durExperts said there are some sensitive issues between Cuba and Mexico, such as migration. Mexico has seen an increase in the arrival of Cuban migrants in recent months, in what analyst Co-

varrubias said is a reflection

of Cuba's new relationship

with the United States.

ing Raul Castro's visit.

Normalizing relations between Cuba and the United States will get rid of the automatic refugee status that Cubans enjoy as soon as they reach U.S. soil. Many are trying to get in before that ends.

Migration statistics show that from January to September this year, 6,447 Cubans were stopped for not having proper documentation to be in Mexico, twice the number for all of 2014.

Dam bursts in south Brazil, submerging homes

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Images from Globo TV dam burst at a mining operation in southeastern Brazil on Thursday, submerging nearby homes and vehicles. Authorities said there are dead and missing but have not yet given any fig-

Rescue teams were searchies, and residents living in dam were told to evacuate to higher ground.

The Civil Defense agency of Minas Gerais state confirmed there were dead and missing from the dam burst — but said it could not The Samarco mining comyet give a number.

showed the area of the operation overrun with water and clay-red mud, and large vehicles tossed on their sides.

A small cluster of homes and about 400 people live in the small town of Bento Rodrigues, about 7 kilomeing for survivors or bod-ters (just over 4 miles) beneath the dam that burst. an area downhill from the Images showed the town. A statement from the city can often be toxic.

pany said in a statement the city center.

on its website that it was making "every effort to prioritize care to people and mitigate damage to the environment."

"It is not possible at this moment to confirm a cause ... nor if there are victims," it added.

Police, firefighters and city officials also said they could not confirm any victims.

overrun with mud and wa- hall of Mariana, a city of ter. Authorities said the dam about 40,000 people 300 was built to hold back wa- kilometers (185 miles) north ter and residue from mining of Rio de Janeiro, said the operations, a mixture that dam ruptured at 4:20 p.m. in an area roughly 20 kilometers (over 12 miles) from





Financial Front Extra:

EU predicts 'modest' economic recovery next year

RAF CASERT **Associated Press**

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union on Thursday predicted the region's economy will grow at "a modest pace" next year thanks to cheap energy and central bank stimulus, but remains hampered by low investment and high debt.

In an official forecast, European Commissioner Pierre Moscovici warned of uneven improvements across the 28 member states but

said that for 2016, the EU economies will "see growth rising and unemployment and fiscal deficits falling."

The recovery is being supported by several temporary factors, including low oil prices, the euro's drop in currency markets — which helps exporters — and monetary stimulus from the European Central Bank.

Moscovici noted the global economic outlook remains uncertain, meaning EU nations should not to let up in their efforts to reform their

economies.

The 19-nation eurozone is expected to see its economy grow by 1.6 percent this year, 1.8 percent next year and 1.9 percent in 2017. In its spring forecast,

those estimations still stood at 1.5 percent for this year and 1.9 percent for next year.

The 28-nation bloc, which includes non-euro nations like Britain, is expected to see growth of 1.9 percent, 2.0 percent and 2.1 percent over the same periods. The

economy of Greece, which received a new three-year bailout program, is forecast to shrink by 1.4 percent this year and 1.3 percent in 2016, before growing 2.7 percent the following year. In contrast, Ireland, which also needed a bailout during the financial crisis, is expected to see growth of 6 percent this year, the highest rate in the EU. Its economy is expected to grow 4.5 percent and 3.5 percent in the two coming years.

Greece is predicted to

have the highest unemployment rates, with 25.7 percent this year easing only slightly to 24.4 percent by 2017.

Overall in the EU, "unemployment will continue to fall while remaining too high." Moscovici said. Eurozone unemployment is forecast to ease from 11 percent this year to 10.3 percent in 2017. For the EU, joblessness is predicted to fall from 9.5 percent this year to 8.9 percent in 2017.

BOE: UK interest rates expected to stay low for longer

DANICA KIRKA Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The prospect of an interest rate increase in the U.K. has gotten pushed back further, possibly even to 2017, to the likely relief of homeowners and grief of savers. Faced with weak inflation and growing uncertainties in the global economy, the Bank of England's policy group voted 8-1 on Thursday to keep interest rate at a record low of 0.5 percent and signaled it could take longer than expected to start raising rates.

The policymakers suggested in a quarterly report that even though Britain has one of the fastest-growing developed economies, inflation might stay lower for longer than expected because of the decline in global growth and a further drop in oil prices. Markets reacted with surprise,



Governor of the Bank of England Mark Carney arrives for an Inflation Report press conference, at the Bank of England, in London, Thursday Nov. 5, 2015. The Bank of England refrained Thursday from raising its interest rate from a record low of 0.5 percent as weak inflation make the timing of a first increase ever more uncertain _ signaling it could even stretch to 2017.

(Jonathan Brady/Pool Photo via AP)

with the pound weakening. Carney underscored that when the bank began raising rates, they increases mestic demand and, even

would be not be abrupt. "We are in a situation where we have resilient doin the face of global weakness, we still see the need for gradual interest rate rises to bring inflation back to target," he told reporters at a news conference.

He said it was a "reasonable expectation" that rates may rise at some stage within the next year. Thursday's interest rate decision, which came along with minutes and a quarterly forecast on inflation, had been closely watched because Carney had said the end of the year will bring more clarity as to when rates will rise.

"Recent falls in oil and other commodity prices mean that inflation is likely to remain lower than previously expected until late 2017," the bank said in its quarterly report. The bank's Monetary Policy Committee members believe that it was more likely than not that inflation would remain below 1 percent into the second half of 2016. The bank's target is for inflation of around 2 percent.

German factory orders drop for third straight month

BERLIN (AP) — German factory orders dropped sharply in September, falling for the third straight month in while new orders from oth- The German government a sign of weakness for Europe's largest economy.

The Federal Statistical Office said Thursday that orders fell 1.7 percent in seasonally adjusted terms compared with the previous month, following drops of 1.8 percent in August and a 2.2 percent drop in July.

New orders from the coun-Rees predicted a strong tries using the euro currency were down 6.7 percent, er countries increased 0.7 percent.

The "strong decline in the headline figure is a negative surprise," UniCredit economist Andreas Rees said, but it is "no reason to panic." He said that taking into account some one-off effects, "it is a bump in the road, but nothing more."

technical rebound in October of 2 to 3 percent.

last month trimmed its eco- refugees will arrive and nomic growth forecast for over the volatility of the ago but up from 671.7 bilthis year to 1.7 percent from 1.8 percent, citing weakness in China and other major emerging economies. It left its 2016 forecast unchanged at 1.8 percent. Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said Thursday that those estimates were

made in "a more than normally uncertain environment" given questions about how many more global economy. The European Commission said in a report released Thursday in Brussels that the influx of migrants could help boost short term spending and expand Germany's labor market. Schaeuble presented an estimate that the

government's tax take next year will come in at 686.2 billion euros (\$749.3 billion), 5.2 billion euros less than was predicted six months lion euros this year.

However, forecasts for the following years were revised upward, and Schaeuble said next year's dip results from legal changes that have been enacted to increase tax breaks for lower earners and families.



The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba Launches Exciting New Promotion





has recently been launched during "Global Appreciation Week" at The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba where the first members of the new "Tier Program" have been appreciated during a celebration.

PALM BEACH - A new promotion Robert Guidice, Vice President of Casino Operations at Marriott International was also present during the 2 night celebration of loyal clients and launch of the new promotion.

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on different levels and with different types of benefits depending on their qualification per quarter. Players will be using new player's cards with different colors depending on their Tier Level.

thrilling one as this is the first time a casino is rewarding their clients with a Trip for 2 with Carnival Cruise lines and many other fantastic rewards. For more information regarding this new attractive promotion please The promotion is promised to be a call the VIP desk at 527-2277.



Loyal Visitors Honored by the Aruba Tourism Authority











had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort and the Manchebo Beach Resort as Goodwill Ambassadors and Emerald Ambassadors. The symbolic honorary titles

the Aruba Tourism Authority of the Minister of Tourism as cent Zappulla of Massa- because of the friendly were presented by tokens of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 and 35-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees for Goodwill Ambassador were Mr. James and Mrs. Melinda Lang of New York, Mr. Jose and Mrs. Olivia Fernandes

chusetts. The honorees for **Emerald Ambassador were** Mr. Michael and Mrs. Helen Stekardis of New York, and Mrs. Joanna Pagano and Mrs. Lena Pagano of Massachusetts. All of the honorees are loyal members of their respective resorts and people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, the Casinos, and just about everything else! They say being on the island is like being in paradise, that the people are like family to them, and that Aruba is truly their 'home-away-from-

EAGLE BEACH - Recently are presented in the name of Venezuela, and Mr. Vin- they love Aruba very much home.' The certificates Marouska Heyliger and Ms. Jasmine Maduro representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with friends and associated from the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort and the Manchebo Beach Resort.

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the Aruba Tourism Author- bestowed the certificate of returning to Aruba are the ity honored Mr. Jeffrey and Distinguished Visitors to the honorees on behalf of the Government of Aruba. Ms. De Cuba thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and 12 consecutive years. Ms. as their 'home-away-from-

BEACH -Recently thority, Visitors care Liaison that the main reasons for weather, the restaurants, the safety, and most of all, the people. Mr. Reynaldo was presented at the ceremony and handed out some presents to the honorees and also thanked them on behalf of Holiday

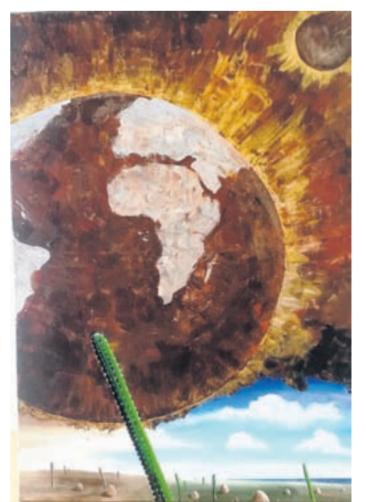




Tonight at the KvK: Aruba Chamber of Commerce Will Host a Colorful Art Exhibit







ORANJESRTAD - The Chamber cordially invites you to the 3rd art exhibition, "Un Mundo Di Diferente Color," featuring the colorful work of local artist Reginald de Palm. The exhibition takes place tonight, Friday, November 6, 2015, from 5pm – 7pm at The Aruba Chamber, J.E. Irausquin Boulevard 10.

Mr. de Palm was born in a flavor of Aruba is always

Aruba and has also lived in Curacao and Bonaire. His work makes the common look different and turns the natural into something absurd. He started drawing at a very young age and was immediately fascinated with the fact that he could give a flat piece of paper artificial dimensions. Yet similar to other local artists, a flavor of Aruba is always.





present. Join us for an inspiring evening where you can view the paintings and talk to the artist about the details and meaning of each of his works. Snacks and drinks are included.

You may inquire further by sending an email to Sue-Ellen Farro-de Freitas Sousa via sueellen@aru-bachamber.com mentioning your name and phone number.

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Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland hits a shot on the 14th hole during the first round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015.

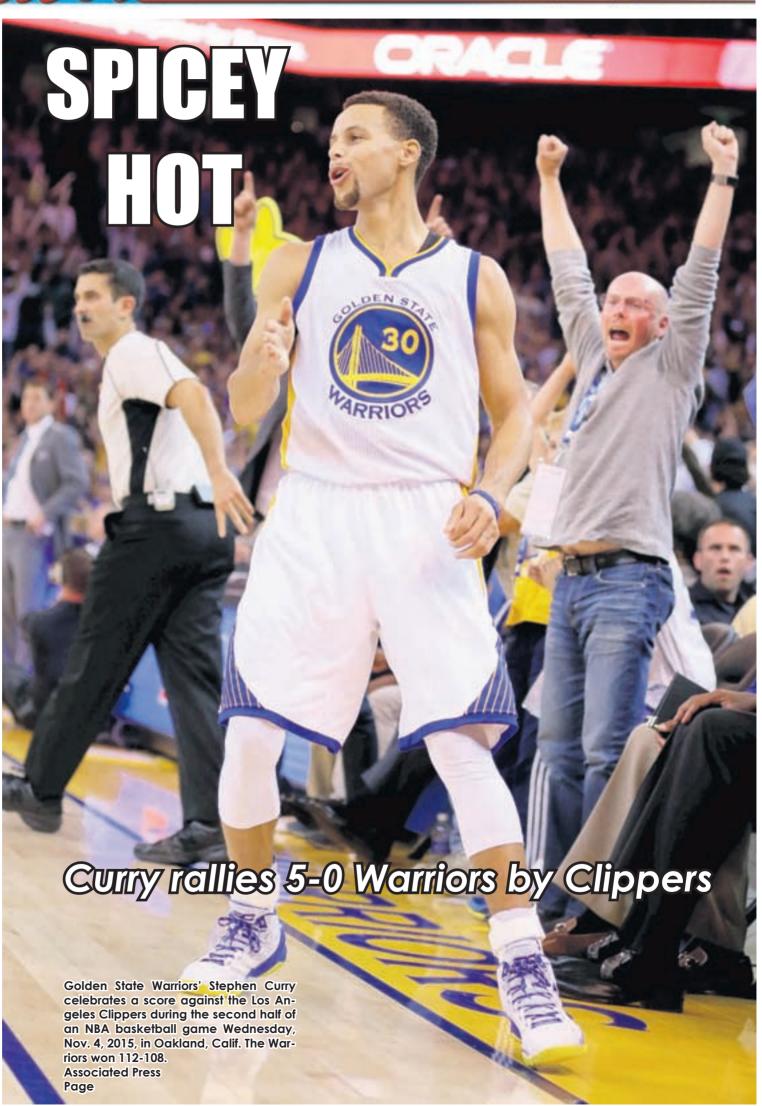
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Grace opens with 63 to lead in Shanghai

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer
SHANGHAI (AP) — Rory Mcllroy finally climbed out of
bed 10 pounds lighter from
a bout of food poisoning
and made six birdies for a
68. Jordan Spieth returned
from his longest break without touching his golfclubs.
He also had six birdies in a
round of 68. Both felt good
about their start Thursday in
the HSBC Champions.

It just wasn't enough to be anywhere near the lead. Branden Grace of South Africa, a month removed from his sterling performance in the Presidents Cup, made birdie on half of his holes at soft, vulnerable Sheshan International for a 9-under 63. It was the lowest opening round in the 11-year history of this World Golf Championship. And all that got him was a one-shot lead. "Today was phenomenal out there," Grace said. "Barely had a breath of wind out there and the golfcourse is playing probably as easy as it could be playing.

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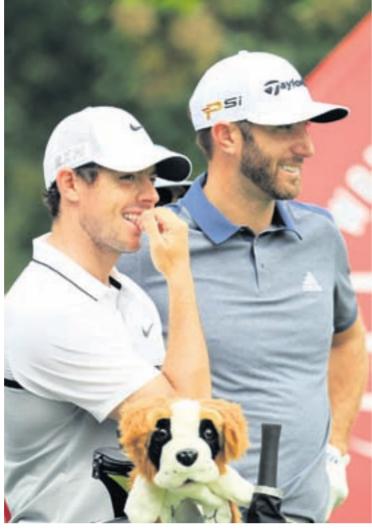
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There's some low scores out there. The guys are playing some great golf, and when you play on greens like this, it helps. You just have to get the ball on the right line and it goes in. It was fun." He made it sound simple, and the numbers backed him up.

The 78-man field produced 344 birdies and nine eagles, and it was a collective 189-under par.

Kevin Kisner made his debut in China by playing bogeyfree for a 64. He was joined by Steven Bowditch of Australia and Thorbjorn Olesen of Denmark, who opened with five birdies in six holes and was 7 under through 10 holes. It was enough to make Olesen wonder how low he could go, though that ended when he made a sloppy bogey on the par-5 14th and he had to settle for a 64.

Dustin Johnson, who won the HSBC Champions the last time he was here two years ago, drilled a 3-wood over the water and onto the green at the par-5 second hole and made eagle that helped send him to a 65 along with Patrick Reed and Danny Willett, who is No. 2 in the Race to Dubai in his bid to track down Mc-Ilroy.



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, left, and Dustin Johnson of the United States smile on the 14th hole during the first round of the **HSBC** Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Thursday Nov. 5, 2015.

Associated Press

At least McIlroy is playing. He spent most of the previous two days in bed trying to cope with food poisoning. His stomach was so sore and his body so stiff that he arrived earlier than usual to get loose on the

range, and he wasn't sure what to expect when he teed it up at Sheshan for the first time in two years.

"Probably a little better than I was expecting out there, to be honest," Mc-Ilroy said. "I had not been

out of bed for basically 48 hours, so I was really stiff. But whenever I got out there, I felt pretty good. Thankfully, it was a decent start, and now going to try to just get into the tournament."

Spieth wasn't sure what to expect, either.

He didn't see his golf clubs for two weeks after returning home from South Korea at the Presidents Cup, the end of a season that brought a Masters and U.S. Open, the FedEx Cup and PGA Tour player of the year. Spieth showed some uncertainty with an extra waggle in his pre-shot routine as he tries to keep the club from getting shut.

For the most part, it worked out fine. The one big miss was his tee shot on the par-3 17th, so weak and to the right that it didn't even clear the hazard. Spieth recovered by going to the drop zone, hitting over the gorge to 5 feet and escaping with bogey. He also hit driver to 20 feet for a twoputt birdie on the reachable 16th, and two late birdies in his round brought him to 68.

"I hit some shots that looked like we were just continuing the end of the season," Spieth said. "And I hit some that looked like I took some time off. It was a bit of both. All in all, I was very pleased. Obviously, I thought 4 under would be further up the leaderboard than it is, but there's a lot of guys playing solid golfright now."

Spieth played with Watson, who hardly played at all since the Presidents Cup and said nothing felt comfortable. He celebrated his 37th birthday by opening with eight straight pars, picking up four birdies and keeping bogeys off his card.

Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls in the short grass, which added to the low scores. That led to a two-shot penalty for Adam Scott, however, who chipped to tapin range on the par-3 sixth, only to look back and realize he might have been in the rough. That's a two-shot penalty, except that Scott was given the wrong ruling by being told to replay the shot. After a 30-minute discussion, officials found a decision based on equity that kept his score to a double bogey. It didn't help much. He shot 75.

At this rate, Johnson figures something around 20 under will win. Grace wasn't willing to guess on a winning score. For all those birdies, he still was barely in front.

"Long way to go," Grace said.

Andre Ward pulls out of scheduled Nov. 21 fight in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — TWOtime world champion Andre Ward pulled out of his scheduled Nov. 21 fight on Wednesday because of inflammation and pain in his right knee.

Ward (28-0, 15 KOs) was set to make his 175-pound debut on the Mandalay Bay Events Center pay-perview card headlined by a middleweight title fight between Miguel Cotto and Saul "Canelo" Alvarez. Ward's opponent hadn't determined, alder Brand of Colombia was

the most likely candidate. Ward agreed to a threefight contract with HBO last week, and the upcoming bout was scheduled to be his first since signing with Jay Z's Roc Nation Sports. Instead, Ward's persistent knee injury is the latest obstacle in his deliberate career path.

"I'm extremely disappointed that I'm missing this opportunity on Nov. 21, but at the same time, I'm encouraged," Ward said in a statement released by Roc though 38-year-old Alexan- Nation Sports. "Anytime I have had a minor or ma-

jor setback in my career, by the grace of God, I've come back stronger and this will be no different. I'm looking forward to a big 2016. Thank you to all my fans for your support and patience."

The 31-year-old Ward has fought just three times since beating Carl Froch in December 2011 to become the acknowledged 168-pound world champion and one of the sport's top pound-for-pound box-

Ward had a 14-month lay-

Dawson in August 2012, and then sat out 19 months before returning in June to stop Britain's unheralded Paul Smith in a tune-up bout in Oakland, Califor-Ward's hometown. The Olympic gold medalist spent much of his absence embroiled in a contentious dispute with his former promoter, the late Dan Goos-

Roc Nation, which also promotes Cotto, is working to add a replacement fight to the biggest pay-per-view card of the autumn.

"We have no doubt

Andre will come back stronger than ever once his knee heals and that he will be a force in the light heavyweight division," Roc Nation executive David Itskowitch said. "We are working diligently to make an intriguing fight that will deliver a level of excitement commensurate with this great event."

Ward is expected to take on three-belt light heavyweight champion Sergey Kovalev next year as part of his deal with HBO, where he also has worked as a commentator.









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American's John Isner returns the ball to Switzerland's Roger Federer during their third round match of the BNP Masters tennis tournament at the Paris Bercy Arena, in Paris, France, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015.

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer PARIS (AP) — Roger Feder-

er finally cracked under the unrelenting serve of John Inser, losing 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-6 (5) to the 13th-seeded American in the third round of the Paris Masters on Thursday.

The 17-time Grand Slam champion looked like he might grind out a win, saving all six break points and fighting back from 6-2 down in the decisive tiebreaker. But the Swiss star's resistance ended when Isner — who had 27 aces — hit a looping serve to his backhand.

"It's tough going out of a tournament without losing your serve," the third-seeded Federer said.

Fourteen-time major winner Rafael Nadal, seeded seventh, almost followed him through the exit door, saving a match point in a 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2 win against 11th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa.

served amazing. I feel very lucky to be through," Nad-

"This type of match a couple of months ago I would not have had chances to win. In terms of mentality I (am) more calm."

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic was not at his best, either, advancing to the quarterfinals by beating 14th-seeded Gilles Simon 6-3, 7-5.

But Federer's defeat came as a genuine surprise.

Having won his sixth title of the season and 88th of his career at the Swiss Indoors last Sunday,

and after racing past Italian Andreas Seppi in just 47 minutes on Wednesday, he was full of confidence.

Federer held a 5-1 career lead over Isner, beating him in the U.S. Open fourth round this year.

"I thought he did very well today when he needed it," Federer said. "I thought he served great."

Federer briefly needed treatment at the start of "Very tough match, he the second set because of a sore arm, but quickly recovered, insisting "it didn't affect me in the third set and it's not serious."

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Isner called it one of the "top five" wins of his ca-

"He's an incredible player, obviously. My favorite player and the greatest of all time," Isner said. "It was a huge win for me. I'm very

Isner saved a break point in the fifth game of the third set with a deft backhand

"That arguably saved the match for me," said the 30-year-old, who next faces No. 8 David Ferrer of Spain after he rallied to

Federer loses to big-serving Isner in Paris Masters

beat Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-4.

On Wednesday night, Anderson finished his secondround, three-set match against Austrian Dominic Thiem at 12:26 a.m. after spending 2 hours, 45 minutes on court.

This time he finished just as the clock struck midnight after 2 hours, 27 minutes on court.

But it could have been over quicker.

At 6-5 up in the tiebreak, and with Nadal on second serve, Anderson failed to finish a long rally concluded by Nadal's risky yet brilliant forehand winner into the top left corner.

The Spaniard celebrated with a yell and a fist pump, clinched the set when a rattled Anderson sent a forehand into the net, and immediately broke Anderson in the third set before holding for 2-0.

Anderson fought back, however, and Nadal needed to save six break points in a grueling fourth game lasting 12 minutes.

That proved to be the end of Anderson's resistance.

After Nadal broke him again for 5-2 and clinched victory with a crisp forehand winner, the relief was evident as he tilted

his head back in relief before shaking hands with the South African.

Nadal next faces No. 4 Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland, who beat Serbian Viktor Troicki 6-4, 7-5.

Earlier, Djokovic extended his winning streak to 19 matches despite dropping his serve five times.

"In sport there are days when you just lose your rhythm.

You're trying a bit too much and you lose a bit of confidence," Djokovic said. "It was frustrating ... It hasn't happened to me for a long time."

The 10-time Grand Slam champion now plays No. 5 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, who beat No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 6-3, 6-4.

No. 2 Andy Murray had the easiest path to the last eight, routing David Goffin 6-1, 6-0 in a prelude to the Davis Cup final later this

Murray, who lost only eight points on his serve and broke the 16th-seeded Belgian five times, opens Friday's quarterfinals against No. 10 Richard Gasquet.

The Frenchman advanced when Kei Nishikori of Japan retired while trailing 7-6 (3), 4-1.





LeBron scores 23, rips jersey in Cavs' 96-86 win over Knicks

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 23 points and did some quick tailoring on Cleveland's tight, sleeved uniforms, while Mo Williams added 22 as the Cavaliers won their fourth straight, 96-86 over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

James made a 3-pointer and dunked off a nice pass from Williams while scoring 11 in the fourth quarter, when the Cavs outscored the Knicks 26-17.

Tristan Thompson grabbed 13 rebounds and Kevin Love had 12 boards for Cleveland, which hasn't lost since opening night in Chicago.

Carmelo Anthony scored 17 and rookie Kristaps Porzingis 13 for the Knicks, who were even at 75-all in the fourth when James went to work.

James, who earlier this week became the youngest player in NBA history to reach 25,000 points, had an off night from the field, going just 9 of 23.

He might have an excuse. During the first half, an irritated James performed an in-game alteration on Cleveland's new sleeved jerseys. The four-time MVP, who has complained in the past that the retro-looking tops are too tight for his arms and shoulders, tore the sleeves open midway through a 4-of-11 shooting performance in the opening 24 minutes.

The Cavs were wearing the black, body-hugging uniforms for the first time.

RAPTORS 103, THUNDER 98

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -DeMar DeRozan scored 10 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter as Toronto overcame an eight-point deficit in the final 6 minutes to beat Oklahoma City and remain undefeated.

Jonas Valanciunas had 17 points and 12 rebounds and Kyle Lowry added 17 points for the Raptors (5-0), who beat Dallas the night before. Toronto shot 42 percent from the field, but benefited from 19 Oklahoma City turnovers.

Russell Westbrook scored 20 of his 22 points in the



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony, left, drives against Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, in Cleveland. **Associated Press**

second half and finished with 16 assists. Kevin Durant had 27 points and Enes Kanter added 15 for the Thunder, who lost their second straight. It was the first time this season the Thunder scored fewer than 100 points.

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OAKLAND, California (AP) Stephen Curry scored 31 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with just over a minute to go that led defending champion Golden State to its fifth straight win to open the season.

Harrison Barnes added 17 points and sparked the big run that helped Golden State overcome a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to knock off perhaps its most hated rival.

Chris Paul scored 24 points and Blake Griffin added 23 for the Clippers, who also had won their first four games of the season to give extra meaning to this early season matchup.

that has been waged between Clippers coach Doc Rivers and several Warriors about what role luck played in their championship last season only added to the drama.

BUCKS 91, 76ERS 87

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Khris Middleton scored 21 points as Milwaukee welcomed back forward Jabari Parker from a left knee injury with a victory over Philadelphia. WARRIORS 112, CLIPPERS Parker, the second pick in the 2014 draft, started and played 16 minutes in his first game since tearing his ACL on Dec. 15. He shot 1 of 6 for two points, and his jumper looked a little rusty. Middleton picked him up down the stretch.

> Greg Monroe's layup with 1:29 left gave the Bucks an 86-85 lead. Middleton hit a fallaway 3-pointer with 48 seconds remaining to make it a four-point game. He sealed the win with two foul shots with 1.4 seconds left.

> Philadelphia rookie Jahlil Okafor finished with 21 points and six rebounds.

Giannis Antetokounmpo added 17 points and shot 7 of 11 for the Bucks.

HAWKS 101, NETS 87

An offseason war of words ATLANTA (AP) — Al Horford scored 21 points and Dennis Schroder added 20 as Atlanta beat Brooklyn for its fifth straight win.

season-high 27 points and Thaddeus Young had 14 for the Nets, who dropped to 0-5. Joe Johnson went 1 for 10 and finished with five points against his former

Jeff Teague had 16 points and six assists, and Paul Millsap had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Hawks.

ROCKETS 119, MAGIC 114,

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden scored 28 points, including seven in overtime, to help Houston outlast Orlando.

It was a wild, back-andforth game that was tied 18 times and featured 22 lead changes.

Dwight Howard and Harden made consecutive layups to get the Rockets going in overtime and make it 114-110. Evan Fournier had a basket for the Magic before a three-point play by Harden pushed the lead to 117-112.

Shabazz Napier cut it to 117-114 with a jump shot with 2 1/2 minutes left in OT. But the Magic didn't score after that and Harden made a pair of free throws with 0.9 seconds left to secure the victory.

Brook Lopez finished with a Fournier finished with 29

points and four assists. He tied it at 110 with two free throws with 1.1 seconds remaining in regulation. Howard had 23 points and

14 rebounds. WIZARDS 102, SPURS 99

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bradley Beal made a 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds remaining to give Washington a victory over San Antonio.

Beal finished with 25 points, and John Wall had 17 points and 13 assists for Washington. Wall had 13 points in the fourth quarter, and the duo scored the Wizards' last 15 points.

Otto Porter added 19 points to help Washington win its second straight over San Antonio dating to last season. The Spurs had previously won 17 straight against the Wizards.

Kawhi Leonard led San Antonio with 23 points, Tony Parker scored 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, and LaMarcus Aldridge had 10 points and 14 rebounds. The had won three straight.

PACERS 100, CELTICS 98

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Paul George had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Jordan Hill added 16 points and 10 rebounds to help Indiana beat Boston.

Monta Ellis made two free throws with 13.7 seconds left to snap a 98-all tie. Avery Bradley, who had fouled Ellis, missed a potential winning 3-point attempt for the Celtics.

Isaiah Thomas led Boston with 27 points on 9-of-19 shooting, and Bradley added 21 points.

TRAIL BLAZERS 108, JAZZ 92 SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Damian Lillard had 35 points and C.J. McCollum added 27 as Portland defeated Utah.

Lillard shot 14 of 27 for his second consecutive 30-point game. Al-Farouq Aminu finished with 13 points and Mason Plumlee added 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Trail Blazers, who shot a season-high 53.2 percent from the field. Gordon Hayward scored a season-high 19 for the Jazz, and Trey Burke had 17 off the bench.

SUNS 118, KINGS 97

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Tarasenko scores in OT to lift Blues past Blackhawks

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Vladimir Tarasenko scored at 3:54 of a whistle-free overtime to give the St. Louis Blues a 6-5 come-from-behind win over Chicago Blackhawks on Wednesday night.

Tarasenko, who also had an assist, beat Corey Crawford on the glove side from the slot for his seventh goal after taking a nifty behindthe-back centering pass from Alex Pietrangelo.

Alexander Steen scored twice goals, and Robby Fabbri, Jay Bouwmeester and David Backes each had a goal and an assist in regulation for St. Louis, which allowed more than three goals for the first time this season.

Patrick Kane, Brent Seabrook, Teuvo Teravainen and Andrew Shaw each had a goal and an assist and Marko Dano — recalled from the minors on Monday — got his first goal to help the Blackhawks take a 5-2 lead after one period.

DUCKS 3, PANTHERS 2, SO

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Chris Stewart scored in the second period and again in the fourth round of the shootout as Anaheim claimed consecutive wins for the first time this season. Corey Perry tied it on his first goal of the season with Fleury. Hansen pulled the tion for the Ducks. Frederik 1:07 to go. Andersen stopped 23 shots for Anaheim, denying Jonathan Huberdeau on the decisive shootout try.

Jakob Silfverberg also scored in the shootout for the Ducks, who could be

turning around their nightmare start with the NHL's lowest-scoring offense and worst power play.

Roberto Luongo made 36 saves in a strong performance for Florida. Erik Gudbranson and Orange County native Rocco Grimaldi scored as the Panthers opened a threegame California road trip with a heartbreaking loss.

PENGUINS 3, CANUCKS 2

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Sidney Crosby scored his second goal of the season and Marc-Andre Fleury made 18 saves as Pittsburgh held off Vancouver.

David Perron and Eric Fehr also scored, and Phil Kessel had two assists as the Penguins won their fifth straight. Daniel Sedin and Jannik Hansen had goals for Vancouver, and Ryan Miller stopped 20 shots.

Crosby scored on a 4-on-3 power play after taking a nice feed from Kessel in front and beating Miller on a slick backhand to make it 2-0 at 7:17 of the third.

Fehr gave the Penguins a three-goal lead less than 3 minutes later on a wrist shot for his second of the sea-

Sedin made it 3-1 with 6:01 left as he deflected Matt Bartkowski's point shot past 5.1 seconds left in regula- Canucks within one with

JETS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

TORONTO (AP) — Alexander Burmistrov scored the tiebreaking goal late in the third period to lift Winnipeg past Toronto.

Dustin Byfuglien and Mark



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (50), misses the winning goal by St. Louis Blues' Vladimir Tarasenko (91), of Russia, while St. Louis Blues' Jori Lehtera (12), of Finland, looks on during overtime of a hockey game Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, in Chicago. St. Louis won 6-5 in overtime. **Associated Press**

Bryan Little added an empfor the Jets, who bounced back nicely after a 5-1 loss Ondrej Pavelec finished

Scheifele also scored and at Montreal on Sunday. Toby Enstrom, Mathieu Perty-netter in the final minute rault and Blake Wheeler had two assists each, and

with 24 saves.

P.A. Parenteau and Leo Komarov scored for Toronto, and James Reimer had

NFL agrees to play regular-season games at Twickenham

CHRIS LEHOURITES AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The NFL is on the move in London, with more games to come. After nearly a decade of playing its games solely at Wembley Stadium, the league said Tuesday it would stage at least one game per season starting next year at Twickenham Stadium, the home of Enaland's national rugby team. "We are committed to con-

adding Twickenham Stadium to our roster of host reached a 10-year deal to venues in London is further evidence of that commitment," NFL executive vice president of international Mark Waller said.

The agreement is for at least one game per season over the next three years, with an option for two

The NFL has already agreed

tinuing to grow our sport in to play at least two games the U.K. and believe that per season at Wembley through 2020, and has also play at least two games at Tottenham's new soccer stadium starting in 2018.

That means there will be a minimum of five regularseason NFL games in London in 2018 — two at Wembley, two at Tottenham's stadium and one at Twickenham.



Adidas offers to help eliminate Native American mascots

ANNE M. PETERSON AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Adidas is offering to help high schools nationwide drop Native American mascots. The athletic shoe and apparel maker said Thursday it will provide free design resources to schools looking to shelve Native American mascots, nicknames, imagery or symbolism. The German company also pledged to provide financial support to ensure the cost of changing is not prohibitive.

Adidas announced the initiative in conjunction with the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Thursday in Washington. Adidas executives were among those attending the conference, which includes leaders from the 567 federally recognized tribes.

The company, which has its North American headauarters in Portland, Oregon, also said it will be a founding member of a coalition that addresses Native American mascots in sports.

According to the group Change the Mascot, there are about 2,000 schools na-



Brayden White of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, right, and Tatiana Ticknor of the Yup'ik/Tlingit/ Dena'ina, listen as President Barack Obama speaks during the 2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, in Washington.

tionwide that have Native American mascots.

The advocacy group says about a dozen schools have dropped Native mascots over the past two years and another 20 are ers, students and athletes considering a change.

Eric Liedtke, Adidas head of global brands who traveled to the conference, said sports must be inclu-

"Today's announcement is a great way for us to offer up our resources to schools that want to do what's right — to administrators, teachwho want to make a difference in their lives and in their world," Liedtke said in a statement to The Associated Press. "Our inten-

tion is to help break down any barriers to change change that can lead to a more respectful and inclusive environment for all American athletes."

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The voluntary program would give schools access to the company's design team for logo redesign and uniform design across all sports. It seeks to be a

collaborative effort with schools.

Adidas emphasized the initiative only involves high schools, and that the company is not mandating that schools change mascots and nicknames. The program does not involve its other agreements or sponsorships with professional or college teams, or with individual athletes.

The company said it embarked on the initiative because it became clear through conversations with the White House — that schools "wanting to make a change had very little avenues to do so."

"We are committed to continuing a dialogue to look at the issue of Native images in sports and work to find solutions. Ultimately, it's the teams, athletes, coaches and fans who decide what changes they want to make. And if they want to make a change and we can help, then we want to help," the company said.

The use of such mascots has drawn increased attention and controversy in recent years.

Giants decline 2016 contract options on OFs Aoki, Byrd

JANIE McCAULEY AP Baseball Writer SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -

The San Francisco Giants declined their 2016 contract options on outfielders Nori Aoki and Marlon Byrd. Both players became free agents Wednesday night, but the Giants left open the possibility of bringing them back later in the offseason. General manager Bobby Evans made the announcement on a conference call, saying, "It's just tough timing for us to make decisions right now relative to (Aoki's) situation given a pretty good list of things we need to do this winter."

"To predetermine left field him a \$700,000 buyout. today is just premature," Evans said.

Francisco, San



In this Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 file photo, San Francisco Giants' Marlon Byrd slides to score against the Cincinnati Reds in the sixth inning of a baseball game in San Francisco.

Associated Press

turned down a \$5.5 million Pence. option on Aoki and will owe Byrd batted .272 with four

Byrd had an \$8 million option, with no buyout. He was acquired in a trade cantly," Evans said. which with the Reds on Aug. 20 ries title in five years in 2014, in place of injured Hunter retiring, while Mike Leake, out what else they need to concussion.

games for the Giants.

"Both contributed signifi-

Tim Lincecum and Ryan Vogelsong are free agents. Lincecum is trying to work his way back from hip sur-

"There's trade options and there's free-agent options and even international scenarios," Evans said. "Keeping our options open in a number of areas, that's the reason."

Aoki was limited to 93 games, batting .287 with five home runs and 26 RBIs before a broken right leg and concussion derailed his second half. But Aoki, pan a few weeks ago, is to play following his con home runs and 31 RBIs in 39 healthy and the injuries cussion but is expected Evans said.

do this offseason, such as looking into adding a toptier left fielder on the freeagent market like Justin Upton.

"We're going to need to look at our outfield. We can't have an offseason without looking at ways to improve ourselves," Evans said. "Keep an open dialogue with (Aoki) and an open door with Byrd and see what happens over the course of the winter. ... Definitely not closing any doors. It's a timing issue."

First baseman Brandon who returned home to Ja- Belt hasn't been cleared didn't affect the decision, to be examined by a specialist in the coming days Both players have inter- and should be fully healthy San Francisco has spots to est in returning, Evans said, come spring training. Gimissed the playoffs after and was the regular right fill in the rotation, though. but it would be down the antsoutfielder Gregor Blanwinning its third World Se- fielder down the stretch Right-hander Tim Hudson is line after the Giants figure co was cleared after his



As Facebook grows, expect to see more ads on Instagram

BRANDON BAILEY AP Technology Writer SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If

you're starting to notice more ads on Instagram, it's all part of Facebook's plan. Facebook, the world's largest social network, has steadily built its advertising business to become the world's second-largest digital ad platform after Google. Now it's looking at ways to make more money from video ads and from newer services like Instagram, the mobile photosharing app that it bought for \$1 billion in 2012.

Instagram recently announced it has over 400 million monthly users, surpassing the 300 million who use the rival social networking site Twitter. While Facebook has been introducing Instagram ads slowly — to avoid irritating users by overloading them with commercial messages the company said in September that it would allow more kinds of ads, including longer video spots, on the photo-sharing service. With those new formats, Instagram could produce more than \$250 million in revenue for the current quarter, Evercore ISI analyst Ken Sena estimates. Businesses will spend about \$600 million on Instagram ads this year — and nearly \$1.5 billion in 2016, according to research firm eMar-

"When we talk to adver- users over the last three

tisers and ad agencies, they're very interested in Instagram," said eMarketer analyst Debra Aho William-

One reason: In recent years, there's been a debate over whether teens and young adults are forsaking Facebook in favor of newer, trendier online services. But Williamson said young adults are "very visually focused and pretty heavy users of Instagram." Facebook doesn't disclose how much of its revenue comes from Instagram. The company beat Wall Street estimates on Wednesday by reporting third-quarter net income of \$891 million, on revenue of \$4.5 billion. Profit was up 11 percent, while revenue grew 40 percent from the same period a year earlier.

More than 1.55 billion people now visit Facebook at least once a month, up 14 percent from a year ago. Daily users increased by 17 percent, to 1.1 billion. As in previous quarters, Facebook said a majority of users are visiting Facebook on mobile devices, and mobile ads contributed 78 percent of the company's ad revenue.

Those results drove Facebook's stock up more than 3.5 percent in late trading, after shares closed Wednesday at \$103.94.

Facebook has seen continued growth in revenue and



In this March 25, 2015, file photo, Mark Zuckerberg talks about the Messenger app during the Facebook F8 Developer Conference in San Francisco. Facebook reports quarterly financial results on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015.

Associated Press

years, but the company is growing more slowly as it gets bigger. That's led it to consider new ways of showing advertising.

Facebook is also increasintroducing new ways for its users to share and watch video on the social network, positioning itself against Google's popular YouTube service. CEO Mark Zuckerberg told analysts Wednesday that Facebook users are now watching more than 8 billion video clips a day on the site, up from 4 billion in April. (Facebook counts any clip played for at least 3 seconds as a "view.")

Analysts say Facebook has huge, untapped potential in both video and its growing stable of apps and services, many of which operate separately from the main social network. That includes Instagram, the WhatsApp messaging app and Oculus VR, which makes virtual reality gear. More than 800 million people are now using What-

sApp, the messaging app Facebook bought for \$19 billion in 2014, and another 700 million people use the Messenger service that Facebook developed internally. While the company hasn't spelled out plans to make money from those apps, chief financial officer David Wehner told analysts Wednesday that he's confident "there are going to be opportunities" in the future.

Zuckerberg also cautioned that it will take time for virtual reality technology to gain wide adoption. But chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg stressed Instagram's more immediate potential during the company's quarterly earnings call.

For advertisers, she boasted, Facebook and Instagram are the "two most important mobile platforms out there." Instagram offers advertisers the same targeting and measurement capabilities they can get with ads on Facebook, she added.

AOL co-founder Steve Case writing book, 'Third Wave'

HILLEL ITALIE **AP National Writer NEW YORK (AP)** — AOL cofounder Steve Case has a book deal.

Simon & Schuster told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Case's "Third Wave" will come out in April. The publisher According to Case, the the disastrous 2001 merger focus on what he believes is a new wave in the digi-

theory he has been talking about over the past year. The book's title is an homage to futurist Alvin Toffler's "The Third Wave," the 1980 best-seller that described the world as entering a post-industrial "Information" age.

is calling the book "part first wave began in the memoir, part manifesto mid-1980s, when AOL and and CEO of Revolution, a and part playbook of the other companies "laid the Washington, D.C.-based future." Case will look back foundation for consum- investment firm that he on his years with AOL and ers to connect to the In-launched in 2005. He says ternet." The second wave that for years he's been with Time Warner, but will started around 2000 and asked by publishers to was defined by the rise of the search engine, social tal era, a "third wave," a networking and the smart-

phone. In the third wave, the Internet will transform everyday life, whether civic activism, government regulation to consumer choices. "I thought there was a need for a framework of where we are," Case told the AP during a recent interview.

Case, 57, is now chairman write a book, but that the request was for a more straightforward memoir.



In this June 11, 2013 file photo, President and CEO, Revolution LLC, and AOL co-founder, Steve Case appears outside of the White House after meeting with President Barack Obama about immigration reform in Washington.

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Stocks edge lower in quiet session before jobs report

KEN SWEET AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market ended Thursday's trading slightly lower as investors were hesitant to make any large bets before the release of the government's closely watched jobs report, out Friday.

in shares of Valeant Pharmaceuticals. Shares in the company, which traded above \$250 a share only a few months ago, fell below \$80 on reports that a major hedge fund had sold its investment in the company and a Congressional panel is probing the company's

jobs reports could give the Federal Reserve enough of a reason to consider raising interest rates in December. "We think the Fed does raise interest rates in December, but it is going to be somewhat of a close call and it depends on how the data comes in be-

"live possibility" if the economy stays on track. Her view was echoed by another Fed policymaker later in the day. Yellen did stress that no decision has been made yet and a move in December will depend on how the economy fares between now and then.

Economists expect that U.S. employers added 190,000 jobs last month and that the unemployment rate remained steady at 5.1 percent, according to FactSet. Investors have become increasingly confident that there's a real chance of a December rate hike. Investments that track which way the Fed will move interest rates show the possibility of a rate hike at around 60 percent. Bond yields remained unchanged, with the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note at 2.23 percent. Bond yields are at their highest level since right before the Fed's September meeting.

"This is all to say that perhaps the Fed is going to pull off what was once thought of as unachievable and (end near-zero interest rates) without blowing up the market," said Kevin Mc-Neil, U.S. rates strategist at RBS, in a note to investors late Thursday.

In the energy markets, U.S. crude oil fell \$1.12, or 2.4 percent, to \$45.20 a barrel in electronic trading in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, fell 60 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$47.98 a barrel.



Trader Gregory Rowe, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market ended Thursday's trading slightly lower as investors were hesitant to make any large bets before the release of the government's closely watched jobs report, out Friday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 4.15 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 17,863.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.38 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,099.93 and the Nasdaq composite fell 14.74 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,127.74. Drug stocks were among the biggest decliners, following another steep drop

operations. Valeant closed down \$13.20, or 14 percent, to \$78.77.

While the government's monthly jobs report is always important to investors, there is additional focus on this month's report. With the fate of years of nearzero interest rates hanging in the balance, strong October and November

tween now and then," said David Lefkowitz, senior equity strategist for UBS wealth management.

Testifying before a committee of the U.S. Congress on Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen described the U.S. economy as "performing well" and said an interest rate hike in December was a

Expedia buys vacation rental company HomeAway

NEW YORK (AP) — Expedia 1 million paid listings with has stepped up its push to become a one-stop hub for all things vacation and travel with its planned buyout of HomeAway, a vacation-rental company.

an industry which is becoming increasingly competitive.

Expedia already has an arsenal of offerings, including Orbitz, Travelocity and Cheap Tickets.

Austin, Texas-based HomeAway has more than

a key focus on the beach and ski set. It was facing an increasingly competitive landscape in the urban rentals market against Airbnb, which boasts more The \$3.9 billion deal anthan 2 million listings in over billion.

> Expedia's key competitor, Priceline Group, already has its own stable of booking sites, including Priceline. com, Booking.com, Kayak and Open Table.

In a statement, Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, said the move to buy HomeAway is a "logical next step" to its current relationship with the company as it moves to bulk up its alternative vacation rentals business.

HomeAway had planned to the deal with Expedia, as it aimed to better compete against rivals including Airbnb and Priceline's Booking. com. It is now planning to charge a traveler service fee which could add about 6 percent to most deals. though it will be based on

a sliding scale.

Expedia stands to benefit from the deal by adding HomeAway's core market to its umbrella of offerings and by bringing its scale to bear against rival vacation rental operations, includnounced late Wednesday 190 countries and has been to shift its business model ing Airbnb. HomeAway would further consolidate valued at more than \$20 toward online booking prior will benefit from Expedia's sheer scale and its experience in marketing and ad optimization, according to Jefferies analyst Brian Fitzgerald, in a note to investors. Both companies' boards have approved the deal and it is expected to close next year.

Kraft Heinz secures tax breaks from Iowa for Davenport plant

B. RODRIGUEZ Associated Press DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)

— Kraft Heinz secured millions in tax breaks from lowa economic officials on Thursday for a new plant in Davenport, one day after the food company announced it planned to close seven factories in the United States and Canada as part of a downsizing that will eliminate 2,600 jobs.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority board approved \$1.75 million in tax credits and a \$3 million forgivable loan. Kraft Heinz, formed by a recent merger, said it will use the financial assistance package to demolish its current plant in Davenport and build a new facility several miles away. The company intends to spend \$203 million in the process. Even with the new plant, hundreds of jobs will be lost.

Davenport's current plant, which manufactures Oscar Mayer products and is touted as the world's largest bologna factory, is one of several that the company will shutter over the next two years. That's part of a restructuring plan to save \$1.5 billion in operating costs by the end of 2017. The others slated for closure are in California, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ontario. H.J. Heinz Co. announced in March it would buy Kraft to create Kraft Heinz. The company, now based in Chicago and Pittsburgh, has brands including Capri Sun, Jell-O, Kool-Aid, Lunchables, Maxwell House, Planters and Velveeta. The construction of a new manufacturing plant in Davenport is considered a victory for Iowa officials, who competed with another state to secure a home for the new facility, according to the documents the board reviewed before approving the tax breaks. The documents did not specify the other state. More than 1,200 workers are currently employed at the downtown Davenport plant, which was built in 1915.





Toyota quarterly profit rises to \$5 billion on weak yen

YURI KAGEYAMA **AP Business Writer**

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota's quarterly profit rose 13.5 percent to 611.7 billion yen (\$5.0 billion) and the automaker kept its annual earnings forecast unchanged despite trimming its expectations for vehicle sales.

The company said its earnings for the July-September quarter benefited from cost cuts and a favorable

was up from 539 billion yen the previous year, but a little short of the 615 billion yen (\$5.1 billion) average forecast in a FactSet survey of analysts.

Toyota sold 42,000 fewer vehicles at 2.48 million vehicles in July-September compared to the same period last year, with sales falling in Europe and Asia, including Japan. But the

exchange rate. The profit value of its sales increased 8 percent to 7.1 trillion yen (\$58.5 billion), showing the weak yen impact.

> The cheap yen, a boon for Japanese exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp. because it boosts the value of overseas earnings, added 160 billion yen (\$1.3 billion) in operating profit for the quarter. The yen traded above 120 to the dollar during the quarter compared

with 101-102 for much of the same quarter last year. Toyota, which makes the Prius hybrid, Camry sedan and Lexus luxury model, kept its profit forecast for the fiscal year through March unchanged at 2.25 trillion yen (\$18.5 billion).

But Toyota trimmed its fiscal year vehicle sales forecast to 10 million vehicles, down from its previous forecast for 10.15 million vehicles. It sold

10.17 million vehicles for the fiscal year ended March 2015. Toyota, the world's top automaker in terms of global vehicle sales for the last three years, was outpaced by Volkswagen AG for the first half of the calendar year. But it regained that crown after the first three quarters, thanks partly to the scandal over emissions tests unfolding at the German rival.

Fannie Mae posts \$2B profit for 3Q; paying \$2.2B dividend



This photo shows the front of the Fannie Mae headquarters in Washington. The mortgage giant reported net income of \$2 billion from July through September, 2015 down from \$3.9 billion a year earlier. The results posted Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 marked the 15th straight profitable quarter for Washington-based Fannie Mae.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta, File)

MARCY GORDON AP Business Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — Mortgage giant Fannie Mae reported net income of \$2 billion for the July-September period, down from \$3.9 billion a year earlier.

The government-controlled company attributed the

third-quarter decline in profit mainly to losses on the investments it uses to hedge against swings in interest rates.

Nonetheless, the results posted Thursday marked the 15th straight profitable quarter for Washingtonbased Fannie Mae.

Fannie said it will pay a dividend of \$2.2 billion to the U.S. Treasury next month. With that payment, Fannie will have paid a total \$144.8 billion in dividends. Fannie received \$116 billion from taxpayers during the financial crisis in September 2008. The government rescued Fannie and smaller sibling Freddie Mac after they suffered huge losses from risky mortgages in the housing market bust. Together the companies received rescue loans totaling about \$187 billion. The housing market's gradual recovery has made Freddie and Fannie profitable again.

Freddie reported Tuesday a \$475 million net loss for the third quarter, also due to losses on derivatives. As a result, Freddie is skipping paying a quarterly dividend to the U.S. Treasury next month. The company said the loss — compared with net income of \$2.1 billion a year earlier — mainly reflected accounting measures for the losses, while its business was strong and continue to improve.

But the head of the federal agency that oversees Fannie and Freddie raised the possibility that future quarterly losses could mean they would have to receive further government aid.

Volatile interest rates and reduced capital cushions for the two companies, under their agreements with the government, "will likely make both enterprises increasingly susceptible to the possibility of quarterly losses that could result in draws" from the Treasury, Mel Watt, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, said in a statement Tuesday.

Fannie and Freddie own or augrantee about half of all U.S. mortgages, worth about \$5 trillion. Along with other federal agencies, they back roughly 90 percent of new home loans.

The two companies don't directly make loans to borrowers. They buy mortgages from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them against default and sell them to investors. That helps make loans available.

The companies' quarterly earnings can fluctuate widely due to changes in interest rates.

Fannie reported that it lost \$2.6 billion on accounting for derivatives in the third auarter.

Fiat Chrysler's US 3Q profit falls 89 percent on recall costs

TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Net income at Fiat Chrysler's U.S. operations fell 89 percent in the third quarter as the compay for future safety recalls. The Auburn Hills, Michigan, company says its net profit was \$70 million from July through September compared with \$611 million a year ago.

Fiat Chrysler US posted just The company relied on its In July, FCA US reached tor vehicles damaged in a pany set aside millions to Chinese port explosion last August.

> Without the charges the company would have had a modified operating profit of nearly \$1.3 billion, 34 percent higher than a year ago.

over \$1 billion in one-time booming Jeep brand for pretax charges, including worldwide sales and revan \$848 million adjustment enue increases. Revenue for recalls and \$159 million rose 5 percent to \$21.8 billlon.

Vehicle sales worldwide for the unit, known as FCA US LLC, rose to 737,000 for the quarter, up 4 percent. Jeep sells only SUVs, which are in high demand in the U.S. and worldwide as buyers pick them over sedans.

agreement with the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to buy back from customers regulators to settle allegamore than 500,000 Ram pickup trucks and other verecalls covering more than hicles in the biggest such action in U.S. history. In addition, owners of more than a million older Jeeps with vulnerable rear-mounted gas tanks will be able to trade them in or be paid

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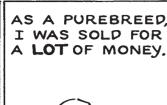
The recall actions were part of a costly deal with safety tions of misconduct in 23 11 million vehicles.

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Detective: 'Hero' cop sought hit-man to cover up thefts

DON BABWIN MICHAEL TARM Associated Press FOX LAKE, Illinois (AP) —

Months before an Illinois police officer staged his suicide to look like murder, he tried to find a hit man to kill a village administrator he feared would expose him as a thief, a detective told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz's death on Sept. 1 prompted an expensive manhunt that put his community under siege. Two months later, his death was determined to have been a suicide.

Det. Chris Covelli said Gliniewicz sent a text in April asking a woman to contact a "high ranking gang member to put a hit on the village manager." Gliniewicz also texted that perhaps the hit man could "plant something" on the manager, Covelli said.

Investigators found small packages of cocaine in his desk, "not linked to any case that we could find," and believe Gliniewicz may have sought to frame the manager, Anne Marrin, as a drug criminal before she exposed him as an embezzler, the detective said.

"We never found any explanation why those drugs were in his desk at the police station," Covelli said.

Marrin, the village's first professional administrator, was auditing Fox Lake's finances, including the Police Explorers program that authorities say he secretly embezzled from for seven years.

Gliniewicz, often called "G.I. Joe," was a respected figure in the bedroom community of 10,000 people 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Chicago. His death, moments after he radioed that he was chasing three suspicious men, prompted an intense manhunt involving hundreds of officers, and raised fears of cop-killers on the loose.

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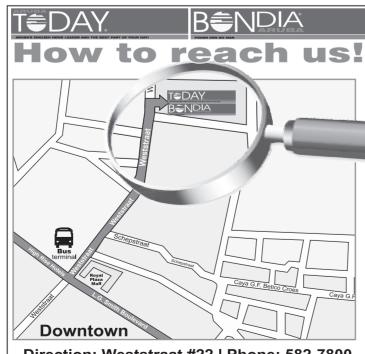




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Upcoming climate talks just latest chapter in a long history

SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The upcoming climate summit in Paris is just the latest chapter in the surprisingly long history of grappling with global warming, a history that began with the discovery of the greenhouse effect in the 19th century — before the telephone and the radio. And the first government warning that the world was warming came exactly a half century ago.

On Nov. 5, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson's science advisory committee told him that "Man is unwittingly conducting a vast geophysical experiment," and that by the year 2000, carbon dioxide levels would increase enough to "almost certainly cause significant changes in the temperature and other properties of the stratosphere."

The upshot? Not much. The world warmed about 1.4 degrees (0.8 degrees Celsius) in the next 50 years, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Now, says U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres, "the urgency is truly on our doorstep."

Studies show heat waves, droughts and floods are more frequent and worse. Seas are rising and getting more acidic. And some scientists fear unstoppable



This photo provided by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego, taken Oct. 19, 1988, shows Charles David Keeling working with the Scripps manometer, which is used to measure amounts of CO2 by freezing it out of air. He's pouring liquid nitrogen which chills the glass chamber to do the CO2 freezing. His Keeling Curve showed that carbon dioxide levels are rising steadily, trapping heat in Earth's atmosphere.

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melting of ice sheets in Greenland and West Antarctica.

"We've known just about everything we need to know to do something about this issue for a very long time," said Texas Tech climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe. "We knew there was one simple but terrible solution: Stop. We knew that 50 years ago."

The story of global warming started with a mystery. In the 1820s, Joseph Fourier figured that Earth should

be colder than it actually was. Something was warming it, trapping heat, but he couldn't quite figure out what.

In 1859, British physicist John Tyndall answered that question. Using lab experiments, he proved that water, carbon dioxide and other gases trap heat in the atmosphere.

"Tyndall was the first person to understand greenhouse effect in a crude way," said Spencer Weart, director emeritus of the American Institute of Physics history program and a physicist himself. "Ever since Tyndall, no knowledgeable scientist has denied the existence of a greenhouse effect."

Then Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius dug into the issue in the 1890s and figured that man-made emissions from fossil fuels could really change the climate. He calculated that if the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide doubled, it would raise the world's

temperature about 7 to 9 degrees Fahrenheit (4 to 5 degrees Celsius).

Arrhenius thought it would take centuries, maybe millennia, for that to happen, Weart said. But he didn't know how the world's population and people's energy needs would soar. If emissions continue to rise at the current pace — which is starting to look less likely, with international pledges to slow the growth — it may be only 50 years or so before the amount of carbon dioxide roughly doubles.

For decades, the green-house effect seemed distant and of little concern— until the mid-1950s, when Roger Revelle, Hans Suess and Charles David Keeling started to notice rising carbon dioxide levels. They weren't quite sure just how to measure them accurately until Keeling established a monitoring system on top of a Hawaiian volcano.

The scientists figured it would take a decade or so before they could see a trend, but the increase was so steady that it was noticeable in just 18 months, said NASA historian Erik Conway.

Revelle then pushed for carbon dioxide concerns to be included in the 1965 environmental report from the president's science advisers. They were, albeit near the end.





Elder Bush criticizes Cheney, Rumsfeld in new biography



In this Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, file photo, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, left, pauses as President George W. Bush, and Vice President Dick Cheney participate in Rumsfeld's farewell ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington.

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NANCY BENAC Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a blistering critique, former President George H.W. Bush says onetime Pentagon chief Donald Rumsfeld "served the president badly" when his son George W. Bush was in the White House and that former Vice President Dick Cheney "built his own empire" and asserted too much "hard-line" influence.

The critical assessments of Rumsfeld and Cheney — key players in the U.S.-led war in Iraq — are contained in a biography of the nation's 41st president to be published next week. A copy was obtained by The New York Times.

In interviews with biographer Jon Meacham, Bush, now 91, said that Cheney, who also served in the elder Bush's Cabinet, acted too independently and asserted too much "hard-line" influence within George W. Bush's administration, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Jeb Bush, who is running for the Republican presidential nomination, said on Thursday that he had not read the book. "My thought was that Dick Cheney served my dad really well," Bush said in an Associated Press interview in New Hamshire. "And he served as vice president, he served my brother really well. Different eras. Different times."

George W. Bush, in a statement issued by his office, said he was "proud to have served with Dick Cheney and Don Rumsfeld. Dick Cheney did a superb job as vice president, and I was fortunate to have him by my side throughout my presidency. Don Rumsfeld ably led the Pentagon and was an effective secretary of defense."

The book, "Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush," also contains the elder Bush's ruminations about his son, whom he praised but also called responsible for empowering Cheney and Rumsfeld. Of Cheney, Bush said, "He just became very hard-line and very different from the Dick Cheney I knew and worked with."

Bush said he thinks the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks against the U.S. changed the vice president, making him more hawkish about the use of U.S. military force abroad.

"His seeming knuckling under to the real hard-charging guys who want to fight about everything, use force to get our way in the Middle East," Bush said.

Talking about Rumsfeld, the elder Bush used stronger, more personal criticism, the Times reported.

"I think he served the president badly. I don't like what he did, and I think it hurt the president having his iron-ass view of everything," Bush said.

Rumsfeld, in a statement, responded: "Bush 41 is getting up in years and misjudges Bush 43, who I found made his own decisions. There are hundreds of memos on www.rumsfeld. com that represent advice DoD gave the president." Dod is shorthand for the Defense Department.

The elder Bush did not suggest in the book that he disagreed with his son about the invasion of Iraq.

Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein "is gone, and with him went a lot of brutality and nastiness and awfulness," Bush said.

He said he worried that the younger Bush used rhetoric that was at times too strong, citing as an example the 43rd president's 2002 State of the Union address, during which he described an "axis of evil" including Iraq, Iran and North Korea.

"You go back to the 'axis of evil' and these things and I think that might be historically proved to be not benefiting anything," he said. In his statement, George W. Bush did not respond to his father's critical comments about the strong rhetoric.

Emails to Cheney family contacts seeking comment were not immediately returned.







'Trumbo' resurrects Hollywood's darkest chapter

JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer NEW YORK (AP) — The subpoena came like a death sentence.

Dalton Trumbo, the famed Hollywood screenwriter, knew what it meant when he was officially summoned to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1947. He knew they would pry into his political beliefs and slander him as a Soviet operative.

And he knew that he would refuse their invasion, protest their witch hunt and be jailed for doing so. After the subpoena, came a race to prepare for the coming storm: sell his family's house, finish what work he could and, as he said, "get ready to be a nobody."

Once erased from movies, Trumbo's name is back in theaters — and this time, it's not below the title but right in it. "Trumbo," starring Bryan Cranston, resurrects the darkest chapter in Hollywood history — the blacklist — and celebrates one of the men the movie industry once tragically shunned.

"To watch it turn around, to watch him go from villain to hero, is fascinating," says Mitzi Trumbo, the 70-year-old daughter of the screenwriter.

During the decade-long blacklist, studios refused to hire any of the so-called



In this Oct. 28, 1947 file photo, screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, left, and his wife, Cleo, listen from the audience as the chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) announces a contempt citation against Trumbo at a hearing in Washington, D.C. The new film "Trumbo," starring Bryan Cranston as Dalton Trumbo, resurrects the era of the blacklist, one of Hollywood's most shameful chapters.

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Hollywood Ten — those who, like Trumbo, refused to cooperate with the HUAC, which was acting in the grip of Cold War para-

The period — "a time of evil," Trumbo called it has occasionally been the backdrop for movies, most notably Sydney Pollack's "The Way We Were" and Martin Ritt's "The Front." But "Trumbo," which opens Friday, is the first major release to tell the story through its actual people.

Screenwriter John McNamara believes it's long overdue. "This is the only

important story Hollywood has to tell about itself," he says.

McNamara's first encounter with the blacklist was decades ago as a student at New York University.

When he told screenwriter professor Ian McLellan Hunter that he liked his 1953 romantic comedy "Roman Holiday," Hunter responded: "I didn't write that movie. My friend Dalton Trumbo

Trumbo, who also wrote the novel "Johnny Got His Gun," was one of Hollywood's top screenwriters for years, with credits including "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" and "Five Came Back." In the lean years he was blacklisted, Trumbo secretly wrote under pseudonyms and fronts.

Both his "Roman Holiday" and "The Brave One" won Oscars without his name on it.The blacklist began to break when director Otto Preminger announced he would credit Trumbo for 1960's "Exodus." Kirk Douglas did the same for that year's "Spartacus," which President John F. Kennedy crossed picket lines to see. "It's a repressed memory

of Hollywood," says director Jay Roach ("Meet the Parents," "Recall"). "It's almost like it's so ugly the way it went down, people might in a way prefer not to be reminded. It's not a story that gets told a lot around here."

"Trumbo" recreates a 1950s Hollywood of colorful characters with Helen Mirren as gossip columnist Hedda Hopper, Michael Stuhlbarg as Edward G. Robinson, David James Elliot as John Wayne and Dean O'Gorman as Douglas.

But none was more of an iconoclast than Trumbo, a loquacious, cigarettesmoking scribe who often typed in the bathtub. Daughter Nikola Trumbo, 76, recalls life around him as in "technicolor." Stubbornly principled, Trumbo's immaculate speech could be biting.

"He could destroy someone in 12 words," says Mitzi Trumbo.

McNamara relished digging through Trumbo's writing and correspondence. 'There's a letter he writes to his contractor and the first line is 'Dear burglars,'" says McNamara. "He made disobedience an art form."

Snappy and chatty, "Trumbo" owes much of its tone to its main character, who died in 1976.

"He's very serious and sometimes almost zealous or strident," says Roach.



In this Jan. 11, 2015 file photo, Al Roker arrives at the 16th annual InStyle and Warner Bros. Golden Globes afterparty in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer NEW YORK (AP) — AI Roker is testing his endurance

again — and this time he's picking up some frequent flier miles.

The "Today" show person-

NBC's Al Roker embarking on 50-state marathon

ality, a year after complet- thing," he said. ing a marathon 34-hour ing Friday. If successful, on Saturday. cord, not that anyone has done it before him.

Last year's stunt raised \$70,000 for the USO. This year, Roker's trip is benefiting Feeding America.

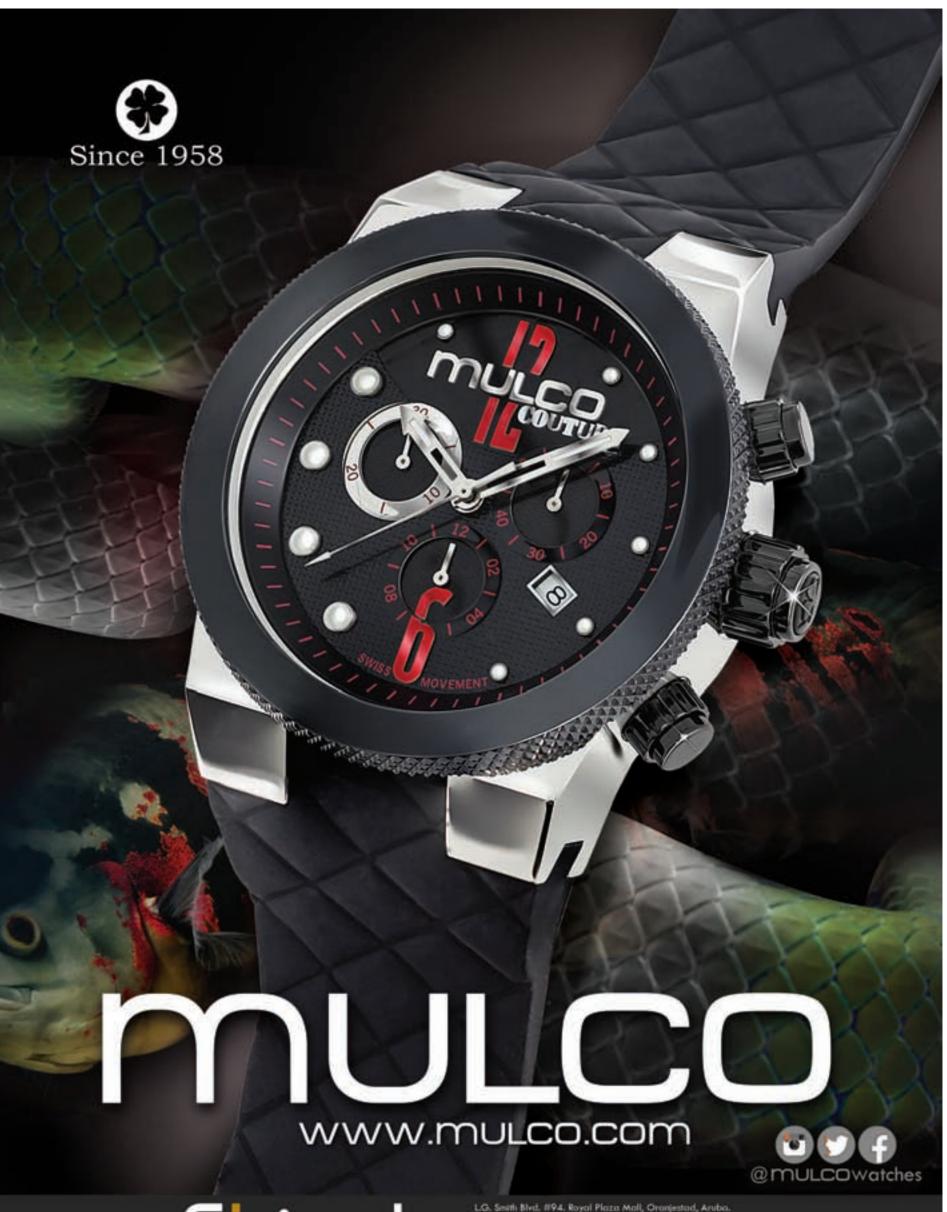
"If we can shine a light on something that's a problem, I'm willing to do any-

Roker takes care of the big weather forecast, plans travel issues first, starting Frito give reports from all 50 day in Honolulu before flystates within a week start- ing to Anchorage, Alaska,

he'll try to have it certified Then the real fun begins. as a Guinness World Re- Starting in Spokane, Washington, on Sunday, Roker travels through the Northwest that day. He cheats a little on Monday, visiting the Four Corners, enabling him to cross off Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado at one stop, and gradually makes his way East.

He'll be delivering forecasts throughout his travels, either on "Today," local NBC affiliates, cable networks like CNBC, MSNBC or The Weather Channel and online. Planes, trains and automobiles will shuttle him across the country, and Roker is packing a few books and a supply of movies on his tablet.

Johnny Cash's travelogue song "I've Been Everywhere" has been referenced. Roker promises not to sing it.



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